

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently Amended) A thermal transfer recording medium, comprising:  
a base material in the form of a thin film;  
a peel layer laminated on said base material and including a candelilla wax (A); and,  
an ink layer laminated on said peel layer and including a styrene resin (B), a binder component including ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (C) and a coloring component (D), wherein said wax (A) is compatible with said styrene resin (B) when within a weight ratio range of 10:90 to 90:10 of the wax and the styrene resin, respectively, and at a temperature at least 30°C more than the melting points of the wax (A) and the styrene resin (B), and the weight ratio of the styrene resin (B) to the binder component (C) ranges from 10:90 to 50:50 and said binder component (C) has a melt index of from 60 to 1,000.
2. (Original) The thermal transfer recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wax (A) has a melting point of from 50 to 90°C.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The thermal transfer recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said binder component (C) has a melt index of from 60 to 400.
5. (Previously Presented) The thermal transfer recording medium as claimed in claim 2, wherein said binder component (C) has a melt index of from 60 to 400.
6. (Previously Presented) The thermal transfer recording medium as claimed in claim 3, wherein said binder component (C) has a melt index of from 60 to 400.
- 7-24. (Canceled)
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